

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A picture display system ~~including~~ comprising a first display device, [[and]] a second display device, ~~devices~~ and a base device for supplying picture signals to at least ~~said the~~ first display device, wherein:

~~said the~~ first display device includes a picture display unit for displaying ~~said the~~ picture signals ~~supplied from said base device;~~

~~said the~~ second display device includes a display unit for displaying [[the]] display information for operation, ~~for~~ and accepting an operating input from a user, an operating input accepting means for accepting an operating input from a user, an operating signal generating means for generating operating signals conforming to display items of ~~said the~~ display information for operation[[,]] as specified by ~~said the~~ operating input accepting means, and a communication means for transmitting ~~said the~~ operating signals to ~~said the~~ base device; and

~~said the~~ base device ~~including~~ includes a picture signal outputting means for outputting ~~said the~~ picture signals to at least ~~to said the~~ first display device, a communication means for receiving ~~said the~~ operating signals from at least ~~from said the~~ second display device, an external input device connecting means for connecting the base device to an external input device as a source of ~~supply of said the~~ picture signals, and a control signal transmitting means for transmitting an external input device

control signal to the external input device ~~[[,]]~~ and controlling ~~said the~~ external input device~~[[,]]~~ based on ~~said the~~ operating signal, ~~to said external input device~~.

2. (Currently Amended) The picture display system according to claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ operating input accepting means of ~~said the~~ second display device includes a contact position detection means for detecting a contact position on a display surface of ~~said the~~ display unit ~~adapted to be contacted by a user; and~~ ~~said the~~ operating signal generating means ~~generating~~ generates an operating signal conforming to a display item of ~~said the~~ display information for operation displayed at a contact position on ~~said the~~ display image surface detected by ~~said the~~ contact position detection means.

3. (Currently Amended) The picture display system according to claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ communication means of ~~said the~~ base device transmits ~~at least a~~ response signal to ~~said the~~ operating signal to ~~said the~~ second display device; and ~~said the~~ communication means of ~~said the~~ second display device ~~receiving said~~ receives the response signal.

4. (Currently Amended) The picture display system according to claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ base device further includes a tuner means and sends picture signals selected by ~~said the~~ tuner means₁ based on ~~said the~~ operating signal via ~~said the~~ picture signal outputting means₁ to ~~said the~~ first display device.

5. (Currently Amended) The picture display system according to claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ first display device further includes a tuner means and displays picture signals selected by ~~said the~~ tuner means, based on an operating signal from ~~said the~~ base device, on ~~said the~~ picture display unit.

6. (Currently Amended) The picture display system according to claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ control signal transmitting means of ~~said the~~ base device transmits ~~said the~~ external input device control signal for ~~said the~~ external input device over a wireless route.

7. (Currently Amended) The picture display system according to claim 6, wherein ~~said the~~ control signal transmitting means of ~~said the~~ base device converts the external input device control signal, transmitted over the wireless path, into infrared signals, which are output.

8. (Currently Amended) The picture display system according to claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ base device further includes a receiving means connected to a communication network and adapted for receiving information signals transmitted through ~~said the~~ communication network, and a transmission control means for ~~performing control for transmitting said~~ controlling the transmission of the information signals to a specified display device ~~in case said operating signal is a transmission command for transmitting said information signals to said first display device and/or said second display device.~~

9. (Currently Amended) The picture display system according to claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ base device further includes transmission information transmitting means ~~which, in case said operating signal is the transmission information to be sent to a counterpart connected to said base device over said communication network, that~~ sends ~~said the~~ transmission information over ~~said the~~ communication network to ~~[[the]]~~ a target counterpart.

10. (Currently Amended) The picture display system according to claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ display information for operation is transparently displayed on ~~said the~~ display image surface.

11. (Currently Amended) The picture display system according to claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ external input device connecting means is connected₁ via an amplifier₁ to ~~said the~~ external input device as a source of supply of ~~said the~~ image signals.

12. (Currently Amended) The picture display system according to claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ second display device has an interlock/non-interlock function ~~[[of]]~~ for selecting whether ~~or not~~ picture signals supplied to ~~said the~~ first display device ~~are to be~~

~~should be~~ switched in association ~~operatively~~ with display contents of ~~said the~~ display information for operation.

13. (Currently Amended) A picture displaying method of a picture display system including a first display device, ~~[[and]] a second display devices device~~, and a base device for supplying picture signals to at least ~~said the~~ first display device, ~~said the~~ method comprising:

~~an accepting step of~~ accepting an operating input from a user based on the display information ~~for operation~~ on a display image surface of ~~said the~~ second display device;

~~an operating signal generating step of~~ generating an operating signal conforming to the operating input ~~a display item of said display information for operation, specified by said accepting step~~;

~~an operating signal transmitting step of~~ transmitting ~~said the~~ operating signal to ~~said the~~ base device via bidirectional communication means exchanging signals between ~~said the~~ second display device and ~~said the~~ base device; and

~~an external input device controlling step of~~ controlling an external input device as a supply source of ~~said the~~ picture signals based on ~~said the~~ operating signal.

14. (Currently Amended) The picture displaying method according to claim 13, further comprising:

~~a step of~~ controlling a tuner means of ~~said the~~ base device by ~~said the~~ operating signal; and

~~a step of displaying picture signals, selected by said the operating signal, to said~~
on the first display device.

15. (Currently Amended) The picture displaying method according to claim 13,
further comprising:

~~a step of controlling a tuner means of said the base device by said the operating~~
signal; and

~~a step of displaying picture signals, selected by said the operating signal, by said~~
the picture display unit.

16. (Currently Amended) The picture displaying method according to claim 13,
further comprising:

~~a receiving step of said base device receiving information signals coupled to a~~
communication network and transmitted over ~~said the~~ communication network; and

~~a transmission control step of managing control so that, in case said operating~~
~~signal is a transmission command of transmitting said information signals to said first~~
~~display device and/or said second display device, said the information signals are~~
transmitted to ~~said the~~ specified display device.

17. (Currently Amended) The picture displaying method according to claim 13,
further comprising:

~~a transmission information transmitting step of said base device transmitting said~~
the transmission information, over the communication network, to the target counterpart;

~~over said communication network, in case said operating signal is the transmission-~~
~~information transmitted to said counterpart connected to said base device over said-~~
~~communication network.~~

18. (Currently Amended) A display apparatus comprising:

a communication means for exchanging signals with a base device connected to
an external input device as a supply source of a plurality of picture signals and adapted
for supplying preset picture signals to at least one picture display device;

a display means for displaying the display information ~~for operation~~ for accepting
an operating input from a user;

an operating input accepting means for accepting an operating input from a user;
and

an operating signal generating means for generating an operating signal
conforming to ~~a display item of said display information for operation specified by said-~~
the operating input accepting means; wherein

~~said the operating signal being is sent over said the communication means to~~
~~said the base device; said and the base device sending sends~~ a preset image signal
from ~~said the external input device to said the picture display device for display thereon.~~

19. (Currently Amended) The display apparatus according to claim 18, wherein

~~said the operating input accepting means includes a contact position detection~~
means provided on a display image surface of ~~said the display unit for detecting a~~
contact position on ~~said the display image surface contacted by a user; and~~

~~said the~~ operating signal generating means ~~generating~~ generates an operating signal, displayed at a contact position on the display image surface detected by the contact position detection means, conforming to a display item of ~~said the~~ display information for operation ~~displayed at a contact position on said display image surface detected by said contact position detection means~~.

20. (New) The picture display system according to claim 1, wherein
the display information includes a switching button, and
the picture signal outputting means switches the picture signals when the
switching button is activated.